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SUBJ: CODEL INVITATION TO THE PRC VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
TRADE

REF: A) PEKING 480 B) STATE 133078 C) STATE 133338

1. ALTHOUGH SUBSTANCE OF REF B WAS CONVEYED TO CODEL ON ITS
FINAL AFTERNOON IN PEKING (JULY 7), USLO DOES NOT KNOW
WHETHER SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY VICE MINISTER
OF FOREIGN TRADE LI CH'ANG WAS AGAIN RAISED DURING CODEL VISIT.
WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SENATOR MAGNUSON TOLD THE PRESS AFTER
CHOU EN-LAI INTERVIEW THAT CODEL WOULD EXTEND AN INVITATION TO
LI BEFORE RETURNING HOME (REF C). ESCORT OFFICER ROMBERG MAY
HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON FINAL STATUS OF THE MATTER.

2. IN ABSENCE CLEAR INDICATION THAT CODEL FORMALLY INVITED LI,
OC OF LI'S RESPONSE, DETAILED PLANNING FOR SUCH A VISIT WOULD
BE PREMATURE, BUT IN GENERAL WE THINK THE VISIT COULD INCLUDE
MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH STATE, COMMERCE, AND AGRICULTURE, AS
WELL AS WITH LEADERSHIP OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA TRADE.
OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON, LI COULD MEET PROMINENT AMERICAN BUSINESS-
MEN AND BE SHOWN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTERS. HE COULD MEET WITH
AMERICAN IMPORTERS AS WELL AS EXPORTERS, AND AN EFFORT COULD BE
MADE TO ACQUAINT HIM WITH US MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION
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